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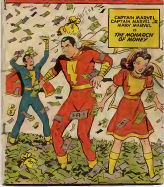
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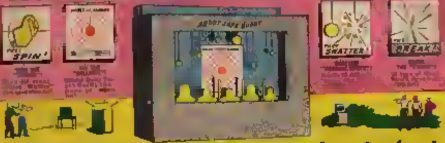

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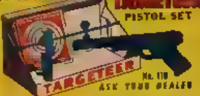

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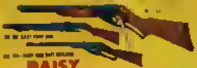

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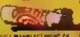

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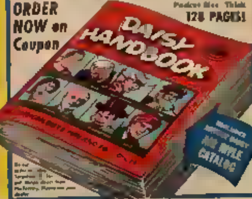

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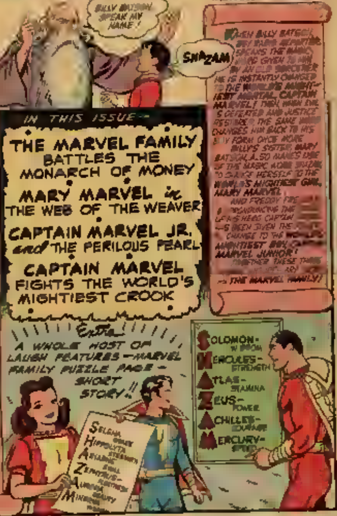

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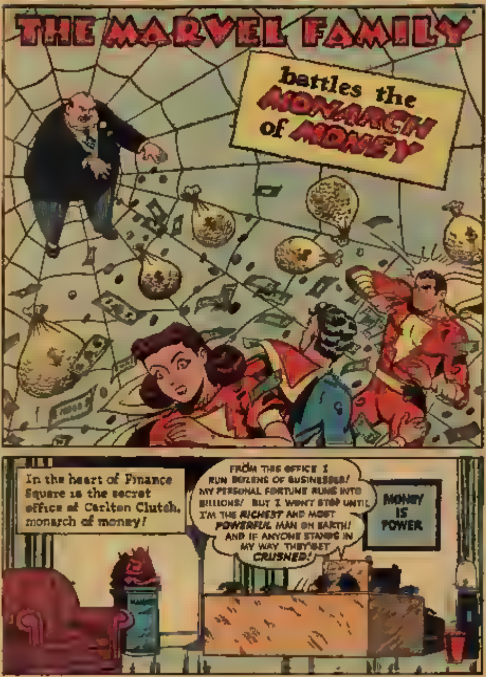
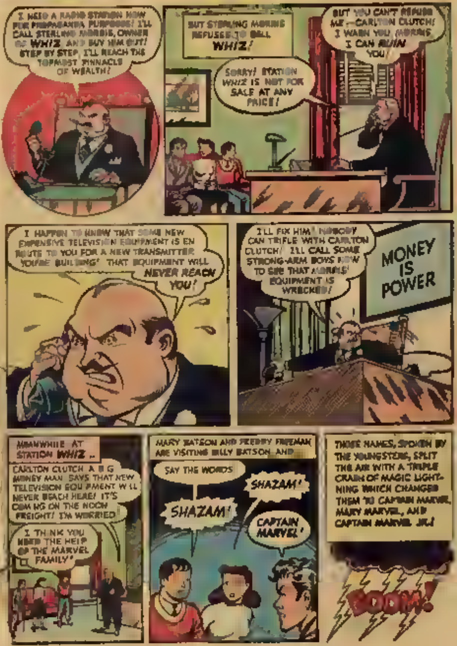
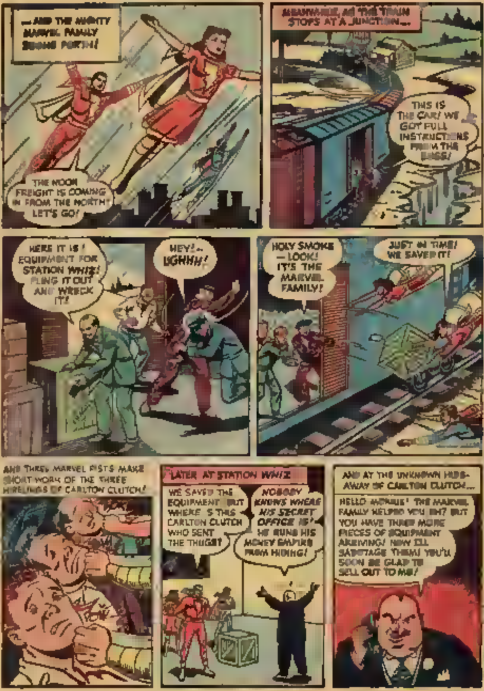
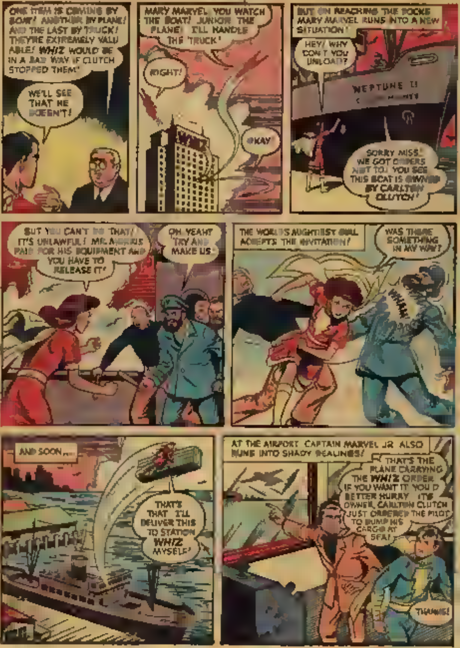
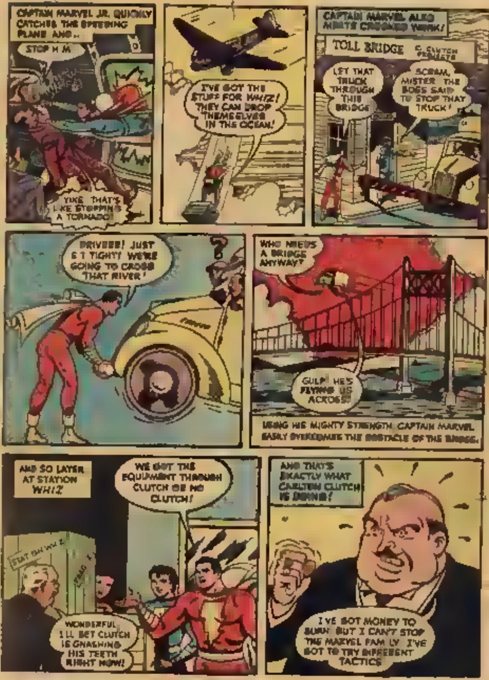
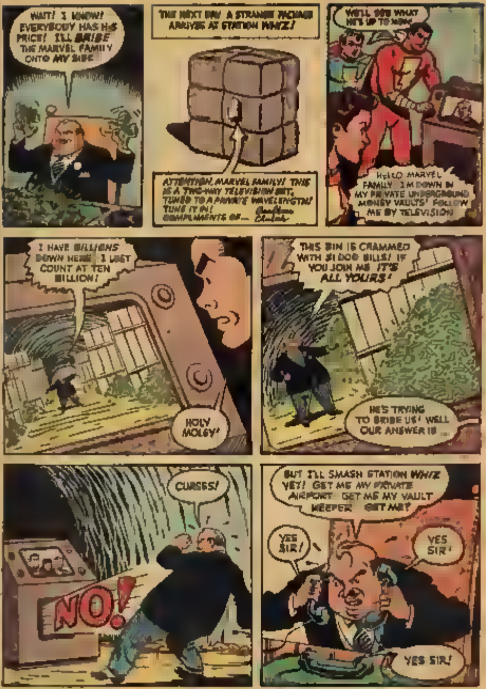

THE MARVEL FAMILY
battles the MONARCH of MONEY
In the heart of Finance Square is the secret office of Carlton Clutch, monarch of money!
FROM THE OFFICE I RUN DOZENS OF BUSINESSES! MY PERSONAL FORTUNE RUNS INTO BILLIONS! BUT I WON'T STOP UNTIL I'M THE RICHEST AND MOST POWERFUL MAN ON EARTH! AND IF ANYONE STANDS IN MY WAY THEY'GET CRUSHED!
MONEY IS POWER

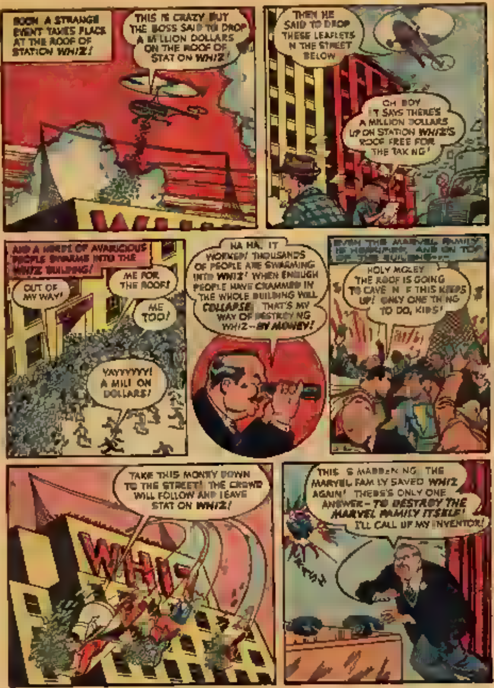

I NEED A RADIO STATION NOW FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES! I'LL CALL STERLING MORRIS, OWNER OF WHIZ AND BUY HIM OUT! STEP BY STEP, I'LL REACH THE TOPMOST PINNACLE OF WEALTH!
BUT STERLING MORRIS REFUSES TO SELL WHIZ!
SORRY! STATION WHIZ IS NOT FOR SALE AT ANY PRICE!
BUT YOU CAN'T REFUSE ME—CARLTON CLUTCH! I WARN YOU, MORRIS I CAN RUIN YOU!
I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT SOME NEW EXPENSIVE TELEVISION EQUIPMENT IS EN ROUTE TO YOU FOR A NEW TRANSMITTER YOU'RE BUILDING! THAT EQUIPMENT WILL NEVER REACH YOU!
I'LL FIX HIM! NOBODY CAN TRIFLE WITH CARLTON CLUTCH! I'LL CALL SOME STRONG-ARM BOYS NOW TO SEE THAT MORRIS' EQUIPMENT IS WRECKED!
MONEY IS POWER
MEANWHILE AT STATION WHIZ ..
CARLTON CLUTCH, A BIG MONEY MAN, SAYS THAT NEW TELEVISION EQUIPMENT WILL NEVER REACH HERE! IT'S COMING ON THE NOON FREIGHT! I'M WORRIED!
I THINK YOU NEED THE HELP OF THE MARVEL FAMILY!
MARY BATSON AND FREDDY FREEMAN ARE VISITING BILLY BATSON, AND
SAY THE WORDS
SHAZAM!
SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
THOSE NAMES, SPOKEN BY THE YOUNGSTERS, SPLIT THE AIR WITH A TRIPLE CRASH OF MAGIC LIGHTNING WHICH CHANGED THEM TO CAPTAIN MARVEL, MARY MARVEL, AND CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.!
BOOM!

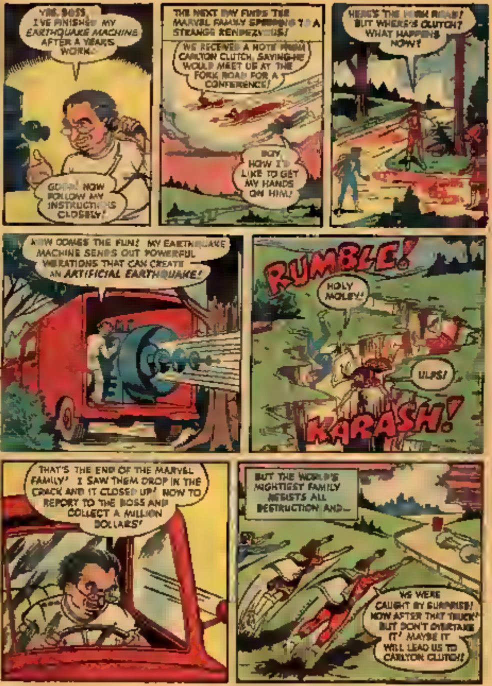

...AND THE MIGHTY MARVEL FAMILY ZOOMS FORTH!
THE NOON FREIGHT IS COMING IN FROM THE NORTH! LET'S GO!
MEANWHILE, AS THE TRAIN STOPS AT A JUNCTION...
THIS IS THE CAR! WE GOT FULL INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE BOSS!
HERE IT IS! EQUIPMENT FOR STATION WHIZ! FLING IT OUT AND WRECK IT!
HEY!-- UGHHH!
HOLY SMOKE — LOOK! IT'S THE MARVEL FAMILY!
JUST IN TIME! WE SAVED IT!
AND THREE MARVEL FISTS MAKE SHORT WORK OF THE THREE HIRELINGS OF CARLTON CLUTCH!
LATER AT STATION WHIZ
WE SAVED THE EQUIPMENT, BUT WHERE'S THIS CARLTON CLUTCH WHO SENT THE THUGS?
NOBODY KNOWS WHERE HIS SECRET OFFICE IS! HE RUNS HIS MONEY EMPIRE FROM HIDING!
AND AT THE UNKNOWN HIDE-AWAY OF CARLTON CLUTCH...
HELLO, MORRIS! THE MARVEL FAMILY HELPED YOU, EH? BUT YOU HAVE THREE MORE PIECES OF EQUIPMENT ARRIVING! NOW I'LL SABOTAGE THEM! YOU'LL SOON BE GLAD TO SELL OUT TO ME!

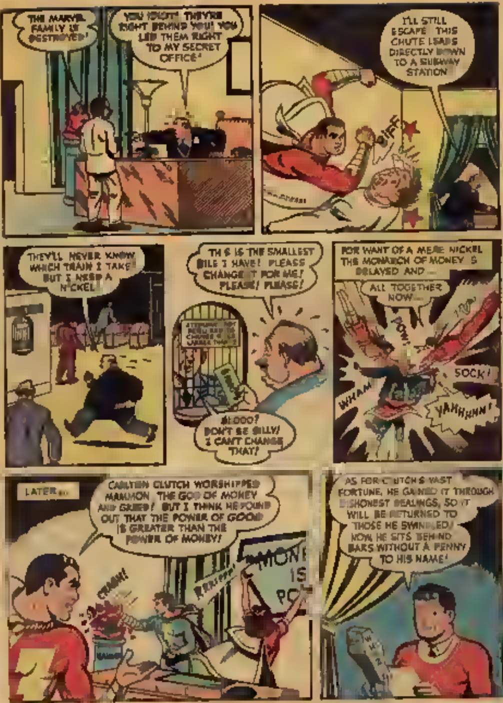

ONE ITEM IS COMING BY BOAT! ANOTHER BY PLANE! AND THE LAST BY TRUCK! THEY'RE EXTREMELY VALUABLE! WHIZ WOULD BE IN A BAD WAY IF CLUTCH STOPPED THEM!
WE'LL SEE THAT HE DOESN'T!
MARY MARVEL, YOU WATCH THE BOAT! JUNIOR THE PLANE! I'LL HANDLE THE TRUCK!
RIGHT!
WHIZ
OKAY!
BUT ON REACHING THE DOCKS MARY MARVEL RUNS INTO A NEW SITUATION!
HEY! WHY DON'T YOU UNLOAD?
NEPTUNE II
SORRY MISS! WE GOT ORDERS NOT TO! YOU SEE THIS BOAT IS OWNED BY CARLTON CLUTCH!
BUT YOU CAN'T DO THAT! IT'S UNLAWFUL! MR. MORRIS PAID FOR HIS EQUIPMENT AND YOU HAVE TO RELEASE IT!
OH, YEAH? TRY AND MAKE US!
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL ACCEPTS THE INVITATION!
WAS THERE SOMETHING IN MY WAY?
WHAM
AND SOON....
THAT'S THAT! I'LL DELIVER THIS TO STATION WHIZ MYSELF!
AT THE AIRPORT, CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. ALSO RUNS INTO SHADY DEALINGS!
THAT'S THE PLANE CARRYING THE WHIZ ORDER! IF YOU WANT IT YOU'D BETTER HURRY! ITS OWNER, CARLTON CLUTCH, JUST ORDERED THE PILOT TO DUMP HIS CARGO AT SEA!
THANKS!

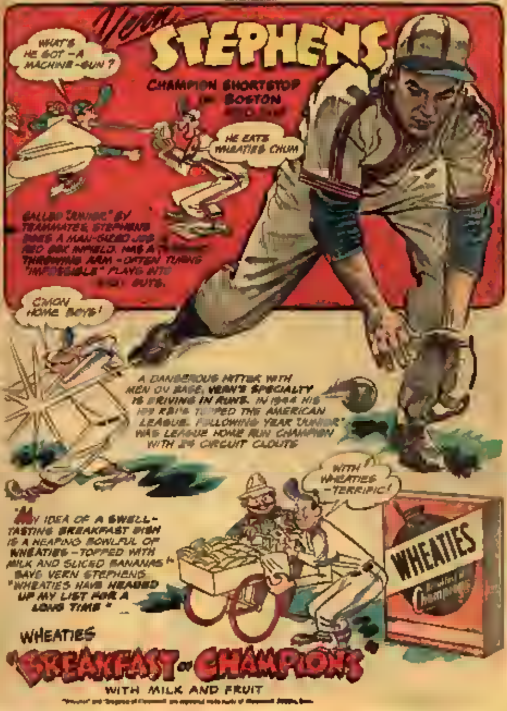

CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. QUICKLY CATCHES THE SPEEDING PLANE AND..
STOP HIM
YIKE THAT'S LIKE STOPPING A TORNADO!
I'VE GOT THE STUFF FOR WHIZ! THEY CAN DROP THEMSELVES IN THE OCEAN!
CAPTAIN MARVEL ALSO MEETS CROOKED WORK!
TOLL BRIDGE C. CLUTCH PROPRIETOR
LET THAT TRUCK THROUGH THIS BRIDGE
SCRAM, MISTER THE BOSS SAID TO STOP THAT TRUCK!
DRIVEEE! JUST SIT TIGHT! WE'RE GOING TO CROSS THAT RIVER!
?
WHO NEEDS A BRIDGE ANYWAY?
GULP! HE'S FLYING US ACROSS!
USING HIS MIGHTY STRENGTH CAPTAIN MARVEL EASILY OVERCOMES THE OBSTACLE OF THE BRIDGE.
AND SO LATER AT STATION WHIZ
WE GOT THE EQUIPMENT THROUGH CLUTCH OR NO CLUTCH!
STATION WHIZ
WONDERFUL I'LL BET CLUTCH IS GNASHING HIS TEETH RIGHT NOW!
AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT CARLTON CLUTCH IS DOING!
I'VE GOT MONEY TO BURN BUT I CAN'T STOP THE MARVEL FAMILY I'VE GOT TO TRY DIFFERENT TACTICS


WAIT! I KNOW! EVERYBODY HAS HIS PRICE! I'LL BRIBE THE MARVEL FAMILY ONTO MY SIDE!
THE NEXT DAY A STRANGE PACKAGE ARRIVES AT STATION WHIZ!
ATTENTION, MARVEL FAMILY! THIS IS A TWO-WAY TELEVISION SET, TUNED TO A PRIVATE WAVELENGTH! TUNE IT IN! COMPLIMENTS OF—
WE'LL SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO NOW!
HELLO MARVEL FAMILY! I'M DOWN IN MY PRIVATE UNDERGROUND MONEY VAULTS! FOLLOW ME BY TELEVISION
I HAVE BILLIONS DOWN HERE! I LOST COUNT AT TEN BILLION!
HOLY MOLEY!
THIS BIN IS CRAMMED WITH $1,000 BILLS! IF YOU JOIN ME IT'S ALL YOURS!
HE'S TRYING TO BRIBE US! WELL OUR ANSWER IS ...
NO!
CURSES!
BUT I'LL SMASH STATION WHIZ YET! GET ME MY PRIVATE AIRPORT! GET ME MY VAULT KEEPER! GET ME!
YES SIR!
YES SIR!
YES SIR!


SOON A STRANGE EVENT TAKES PLACE AT THE ROOF OF STATION WHIZ!
THIS IS CRAZY BUT THE BOSS SAID TO DROP A MILLION DOLLARS ON THE ROOF OF STATION WHIZ!
THEN HE SAID TO DROP THESE LEAFLETS IN THE STREET BELOW
OH BOY IT SAYS THERE'S A MILLION DOLLARS UP ON STATION WHIZ'S ROOF FREE FOR THE TAKING!
AND A HORDE OF AVARICIOUS PEOPLE SWARMS INTO THE WHIZ BUILDING!
OUT OF MY WAY!
ME FOR THE ROOF!
ME TOO!
YAYYYYYY! A MILLION DOLLARS!
HA HA, IT WORKED! THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE SWARMING INTO WHIZ! WHEN ENOUGH PEOPLE HAVE CRAMMED IN THE WHOLE BUILDING WILL COLLAPSE! THAT'S MY WAY OF DESTROYING WHIZ--BY MONEY!
EVEN THE MARVEL FAMILY IS HORRIFIED, AND ON TOP OF THE BUILDING---
HOLY MOLEY THE ROOF IS GOING TO CAVE IN IF THIS KEEPS UP! ONLY ONE THING TO DO, KIDS!
TAKE THIS MONEY DOWN TO THE STREET! THE CROWD WILL FOLLOW AND LEAVE STATION WHIZ!
WHIZ
THIS IS MADDENING! THE MARVEL FAMILY SAVED WHIZ AGAIN! THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER - TO DESTROY THE MARVEL FAMILY ITSELF! I'LL CALL UP MY INVENTOR!


YES, BOSS, I'VE FINISHED MY *EARTHQUAKE MACHINE* AFTER A YEAR'S WORK!
GOOD! NOW FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS CLOSELY!
THE NEXT DAY FINDS THE MARVEL FAMILY SPEEDING TO A STRANGE RENDEZVOUS!
WE RECEIVED A NOTE FROM CARLTON CLUTCH, SAYING HE WOULD MEET US AT THE FORK ROAD FOR A CONFERENCE!
BOY, HOW I'D LIKE TO GET MY HANDS ON HIM!
HERE'S THE FORK ROAD! BUT WHERE'S CLUTCH? WHAT HAPPENS NOW?
NOW COMES THE FUN! MY EARTHQUAKE MACHINE SENDS OUT POWERFUL VIBRATIONS THAT CAN CREATE AN *ARTIFICIAL EARTHQUAKE!*
RUMBLE!
HOLY MOLEY!
ULPS!
KARASH!
THAT'S THE END OF THE MARVEL FAMILY! I SAW THEM DROP IN THE CRACK AND IT CLOSED UP! NOW TO REPORT TO THE BOSS AND COLLECT A MILLION DOLLARS!
BUT THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST FAMILY RESISTS ALL DESTRUCTION AND...
WE WERE CAUGHT BY SURPRISE! NOW AFTER THAT TRUCK! BUT DON'T OVERTAKE IT! MAYBE IT WILL LEAD US TO CARLYON CLUTCH!


THE MARVEL FAMILY IS DESTROYED!
YOU IDIOT! THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU! YOU LED THEM RIGHT TO MY SECRET OFFICE!
I'LL STILL ESCAPE. THIS CHUTE LEADS DIRECTLY DOWN TO A SUBWAY STATION
BIFF
THEY'LL NEVER KNOW WHICH TRAIN I TAKE! BUT I NEED A NICKEL
THIS IS THE SMALLEST BILL I HAVE! PLEASE CHANGE IT FOR ME! PLEASE! PLEASE!
$1,000? DON'T BE SILLY! I CAN'T CHANGE THAT!
FOR WANT OF A MERE NICKEL THE MONARCH OF MONEY IS DELAYED AND...
ALL TOGETHER NOW...
POW!
SOCK!
WHAM
YAHHHHHN!
LATER...
CARLTON CLUTCH WORSHIPPED MAMMON, THE GOD OF MONEY AND GREED! BUT I THINK HE FOUND OUT THAT THE POWER OF GOOD IS GREATER THAN THE POWER OF MONEY!
CRASH!
RRRIPP!
MONE IS PO
AS FOR CLUTCH'S VAST FORTUNE, HE GAINED IT THROUGH DISHONEST DEALINGS, SO IT WILL BE RETURNED TO THOSE HE SWINDLED! NOW HE SITS BEHIND BARS WITHOUT A PENNY TO HIS NAME!


Vern STEPHENS
CHAMPION SHORTSTOP OF BOSTON RED SOX
WHAT'S HE GOT —A MACHINE-GUN ?
HE EATS WHEATIES CHUM
CALLED "JUNIOR" BY TEAMMATES, STEPHENS DOES A MAN-SIZED JOB IN RED SOX INFIELD. HAS A [illegible] THROWING ARM - OFTEN TURNING "IMPOSSIBLE" PLAYS INTO [illegible] OUTS.
C'MON HOME BOYS!
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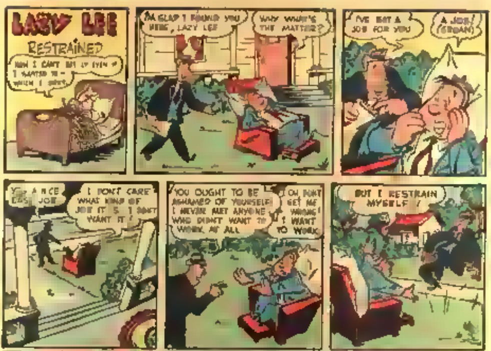
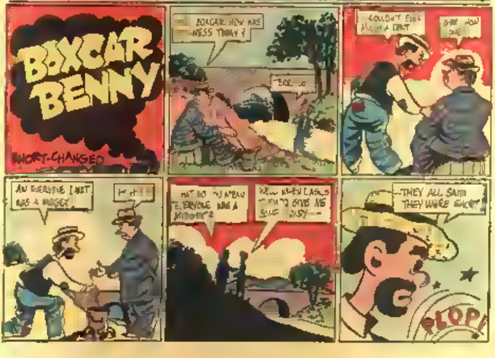

LAZY LEE
RESTRAINED
NOW I CAN'T GET UP EVEN IF I WANTED TO — WHICH I DON'T
I'M GLAD I FOUND YOU HERE, LAZY LEE
WHY WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I'VE GOT A JOB FOR YOU
A JOB! (GROAN)
YES A NICE EASY JOB
I DON'T CARE WHAT KIND OF JOB IT IS. I DON'T WANT IT!
YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF! I NEVER MET ANYONE WHO DIDN'T WANT TO WORK AT ALL
OH DON'T GET ME WRONG! I WANT TO WORK
BUT I RESTRAIN MYSELF!


BOXCAR BENNY
SHORT-CHANGED
HI BOXCAR HOW WAS BUSINESS TODAY?
BAD
COULDN'T EVEN TOUCH A CENT
GEE HOW COME?
AN' EVERYONE I MET WAS A MISER
WHAT DO YOU MEAN EVERYONE WAS A MISER?
WELL WHEN I ASKED THEM TO GIVE ME SOME MONEY—
THEY ALL SAID THEY WERE SHORT!
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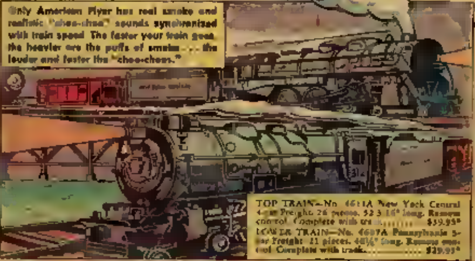

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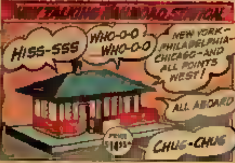
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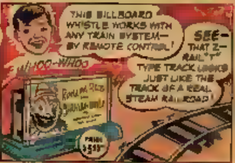
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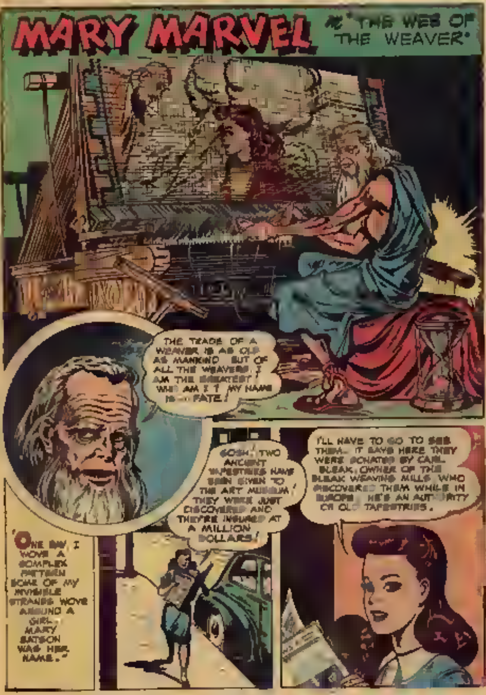
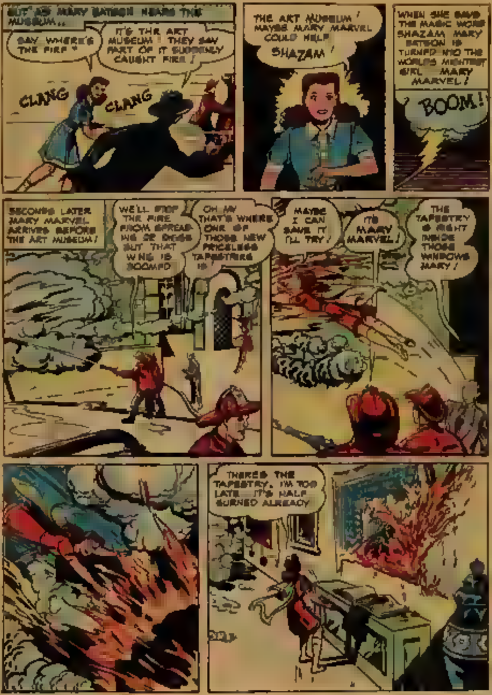
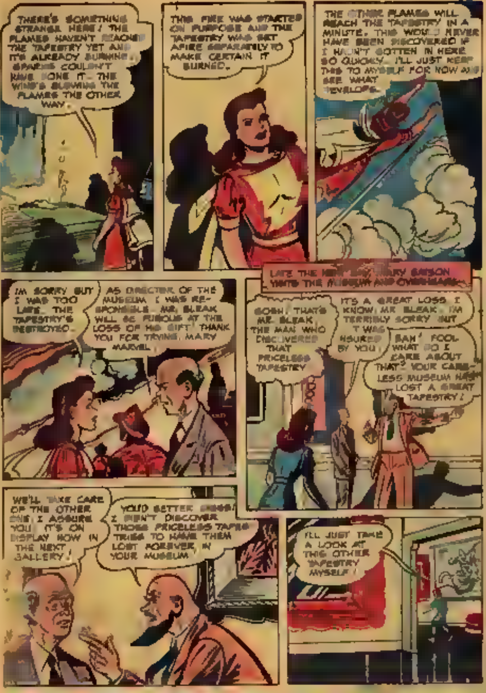
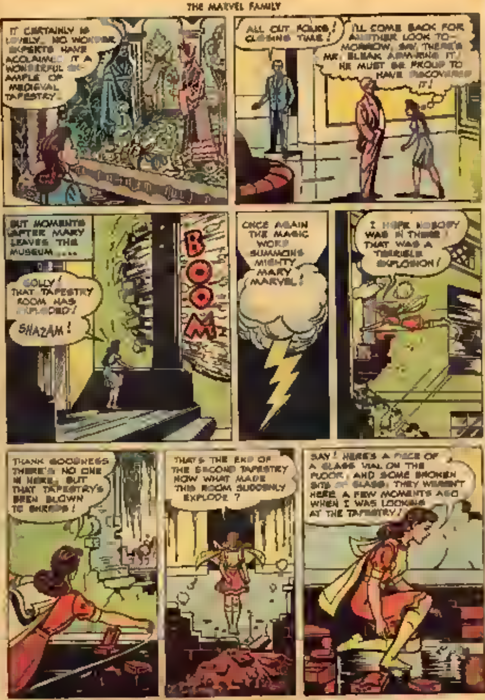
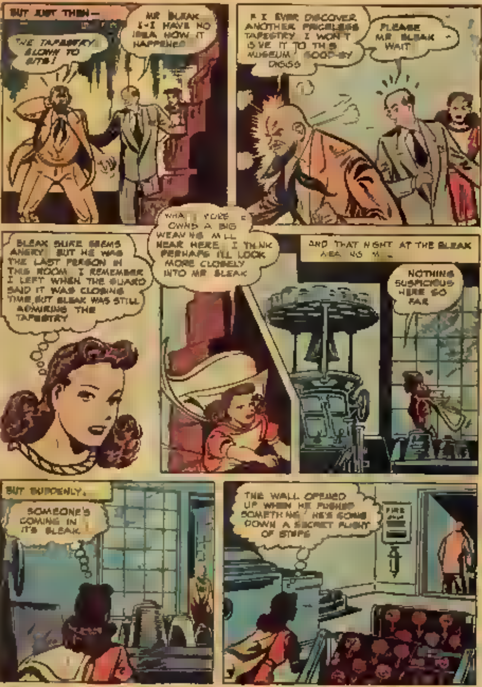
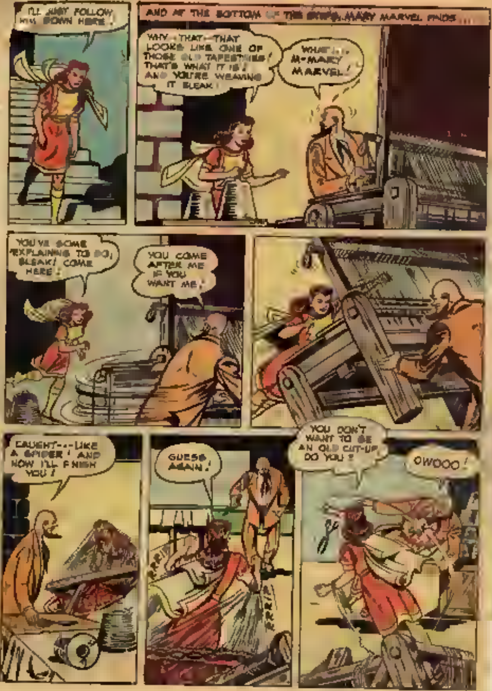

MARY MARVEL in "THE WEB OF THE WEAVER"
THE TRADE OF A WEAVER IS AS OLD AS MANKIND. BUT OF ALL THE WEAVERS, I AM THE GREATEST! WHO AM I? MY NAME IS -- FATE!
"ONE DAY, I WOVE A COMPLEX PATTERN. SOME OF MY INVISIBLE STRANDS WOVE AROUND A GIRL... MARY BATSON WAS HER NAME."
GOSH! TWO ANCIENT TAPESTRIES HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE ART MUSEUM! THEY WERE JUST DISCOVERED AND THEY'RE INSURED AT A MILLION DOLLARS!
I'LL HAVE TO GO TO SEE THEM... IT SAYS HERE THEY WERE DONATED BY CARL BLEAK, OWNER OF THE BLEAK WEAVING MILLS WHO DISCOVERED THEM WHILE IN EUROPE. HE'S AN AUTHORITY ON OLD TAPESTRIES.

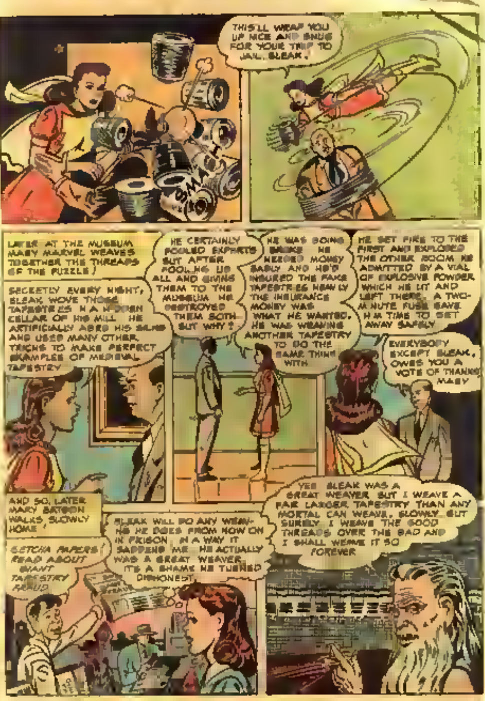

BUT AS MARY BATSON NEARS THE MUSEUM...
SAY WHERE'S THE FIRE?
IT'S THE ART MUSEUM! THEY SAY PART OF IT SUDDENLY CAUGHT FIRE!
CLANG
CLANG
THE ART MUSEUM! MAYBE MARY MARVEL COULD HELP. SHAZAM!
WHEN SHE SAID THE MAGIC WORD SHAZAM MARY BATSON IS TURNED INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL... MARY MARVEL!
BOOM!
SECONDS LATER MARY MARVEL ARRIVES BEFORE THE ART MUSEUM!
WE'LL STOP THE FIRE FROM SPREADING OR DIGGS BUT THAT WING IS DOOMED
OH MY THAT'S WHERE ONE OF THOSE NEW PRICELESS TAPESTRIES IS!
MAYBE I CAN SAVE IT. I'LL TRY!
IT'S MARY MARVEL!
THE TAPESTRY IS RIGHT INSIDE THOSE WINDOWS MARY!
THERE'S THE TAPESTRY. I'M TOO LATE. IT'S HALF BURNED ALREADY

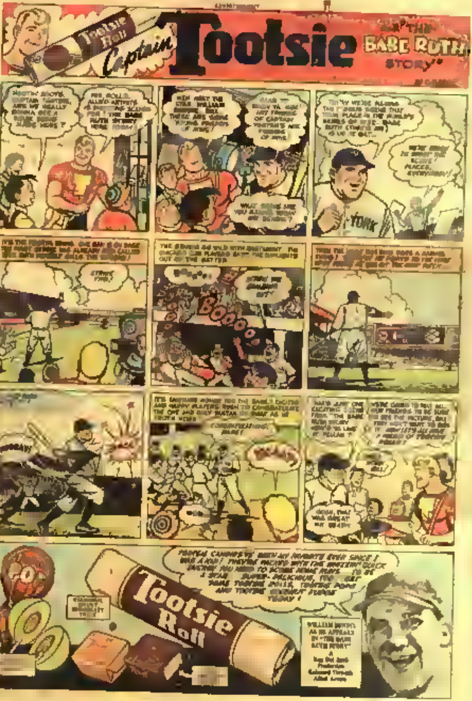

THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE HERE! THE FLAMES HAVEN'T REACHED THE TAPESTRY YET AND IT'S ALREADY BURNING. SPARKS COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT... THE WIND'S BLOWING THE FLAMES THE OTHER WAY.
THIS FIRE WAS STARTED ON PURPOSE AND THE TAPESTRY WAS SET AFIRE SEPARATELY TO MAKE CERTAIN IT BURNED.
THE OTHER FLAMES WILL REACH THE TAPESTRY IN A MINUTE. THIS WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED IF I HADN'T GOTTEN IN HERE SO QUICKLY... I'LL JUST KEEP THIS TO MYSELF FOR NOW AND SEE WHAT DEVELOPS.
I'M SORRY BUT I WAS TOO LATE... THE TAPESTRY'S DESTROYED.
AS DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM I WAS RESPONSIBLE... MR. BLEAK WILL BE FURIOUS AT THE LOSS OF HIS GIFT! THANK YOU FOR TRYING, MARY MARVEL.
LATE THE NEXT DAY, MARY BATSON VISITS THE MUSEUM AND OVERHEARS...
GOSH, THAT'S MR. BLEAK, THE MAN WHO DISCOVERED THAT PRICELESS TAPESTRY
IT'S A GREAT LOSS I KNOW, MR. BLEAK... I'M TERRIBLY SORRY BUT IT WAS INSURED BY YOU.
BAH! FOOL. WHAT DO I CARE ABOUT THAT? YOUR CARELESS MUSEUM HAS LOST A GREAT TAPESTRY!
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE OTHER ONE, I ASSURE YOU... IT'S ON DISPLAY NOW IN THE NEXT GALLERY!
YOU'D BETTER [illegible]! I DIDN'T DISCOVER THOSE PRICELESS TAPESTRIES TO HAVE THEM LOST FOREVER, IN YOUR MUSEUM.
I'LL JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THIS OTHER TAPESTRY MYSELF!


IT CERTAINLY IS LOVELY. NO WONDER EXPERTS HAVE ACCLAIMED IT A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF MEDIEVAL TAPESTRY.
ALL OUT FOLKS! CLOSING TIME!
I'LL COME BACK FOR ANOTHER LOOK TOMORROW. SAY, THERE'S MR. BLEAK ADMIRING IT! HE MUST BE PROUD TO HAVE DISCOVERED IT!
BUT MOMENTS AFTER MARY LEAVES THE MUSEUM....
GOLLY! THAT TAPESTRY ROOM HAS EXPLODED!
SHAZAM!
BOOM!
ONCE AGAIN THE MAGIC WORD SUMMONS MIGHTY MARY MARVEL!
I HOPE NOBODY WAS IN THERE! THAT WAS A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION!
THANK GOODNESS THERE'S NO ONE IN HERE. BUT THAT TAPESTRY'S BEEN BLOWN TO SHREDS!
THAT'S THE END OF THE SECOND TAPESTRY. NOW WHAT MADE THIS ROOM SUDDENLY EXPLODE?
SAY! HERE'S A PIECE OF A GLASS VIAL ON THE FLOOR, AND SOME BROKEN BITS OF GLASS. THEY WEREN'T HERE A FEW MOMENTS AGO WHEN I WAS LOOKING AT THE TAPESTRY!


BUT JUST THEN—
THE TAPESTRY! BLOWN TO BITS!
MR BLEAK I-I HAVE NO IDEA HOW IT HAPPENED
IF I EVER DISCOVER ANOTHER PRICELESS TAPESTRY I WON'T GIVE IT TO THIS MUSEUM! GOOD-BY
DIGSS
PLEASE MR BLEAK - WAIT
BLEAK SURE SEEMS ANGRY. BUT HE WAS THE LAST PERSON IN THIS ROOM. I REMEMBER I LEFT WHEN THE GUARD SAID IT WAS CLOSING TIME BUT BLEAK WAS STILL ADMIRING THE TAPESTRY
WHA[illegible] YORE [illegible] OWNS A BIG WEAVING MILL NEAR HERE. I THINK PERHAPS I'LL LOOK MORE CLOSELY INTO MR BLEAK
AND THAT NIGHT AT THE BLEAK WEAVING MILL
NOTHING SUSPICIOUS HERE SO FAR
BUT SUDDENLY,
SOMEONE'S COMING IN! IT'S BLEAK!
THE WALL OPENED UP WHEN HE PUSHED SOMETHING! HE'S GOING DOWN A SECRET FLIGHT OF STEPS
FIRE


I'LL JUST FOLLOW HIM DOWN HERE!
AND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STEPS, MARY MARVEL FINDS . . .
WHY — THAT — THAT LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THOSE OLD TAPESTRIES! THAT'S WHAT IT IS! AND YOU'RE WEAVING IT BLEAK!
WHAT . . . M-MARY MARVEL!
YOU'VE SOME EXPLAINING TO DO, BLEAK! COME HERE!
YOU COME AFTER ME IF YOU WANT ME!
CAUGHT---LIKE A SPIDER! AND NOW I'LL FINISH YOU!
GUESS AGAIN!
RRRIP
RRRIP
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE AN OLD CUT-UP DO YOU?
OWOOO!


SMASH
THIS'LL WRAP YOU UP NICE AND SNUG FOR YOUR TRIP TO JAIL, BLEAK.
LATER AT THE MUSEUM MARY MARVEL WEAVES TOGETHER THE THREADS OF THE PUZZLE!
SECRETLY EVERY NIGHT, BLEAK WOVE THOSE TAPESTRIES IN A HIDDEN CELLAR OF HIS MILL. HE ARTIFICIALLY AGED HIS SILKS AND USED MANY OTHER TRICKS TO MAKE PERFECT EXAMPLES OF MEDIEVAL TAPESTRY
HE CERTAINLY FOOLED EXPERTS BUT AFTER FOOLING US ALL AND GIVING THEM TO THE MUSEUM HE DESTROYED THEM BOTH. BUT WHY?
HE WAS GOING BROKE. HE NEEDED MONEY BADLY AND HE'D INSURED THE FAKE TAPESTRIES HEAVILY. THE INSURANCE MONEY WAS WHAT HE WANTED. HE WAS WEAVING ANOTHER TAPESTRY TO DO THE SAME THING WITH.
HE SET FIRE TO THE FIRST AND EXPLODED THE OTHER ROOM HE ADMITTED BY A VIAL OF EXPLOSIVE POWDER WHICH HE LIT AND LEFT THERE. A TWO-MINUTE FUSE GAVE HIM TIME TO GET AWAY SAFELY
EVERYBODY EXCEPT BLEAK, OWES YOU A VOTE OF THANKS MARY
AND SO, LATER MARY BATSON WALKS SLOWLY HOME!
GETCHA PAPERS! READ ABOUT GIANT TAPESTRY FRAUD
BLEAK WILL DO ANY WEAVING HE DOES FROM NOW ON IN PRISON. IN A WAY IT SADDENS ME. HE ACTUALLY WAS A GREAT WEAVER. IT'S A SHAME HE TURNED DISHONEST
YES BLEAK WAS A GREAT WEAVER BUT I WEAVE A FAR LARGER TAPESTRY THAN ANY MORTAL CAN WEAVE. SLOWLY BUT SURELY I WEAVE THE GOOD THREADS OVER THE BAD AND I SHALL WEAVE IT SO FOREVER


Tootsie Roll
Captain Tootsie
and "THE BABE RUTH STORY"
STRIKE TWO!
Boooo
YORK
CONGRATULATIONS, BABE!
Tootsie Roll
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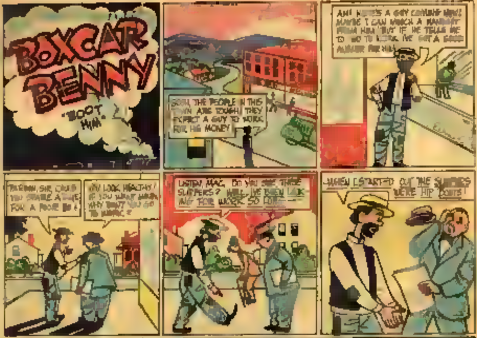
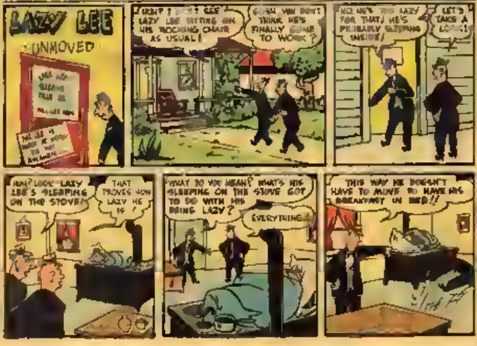
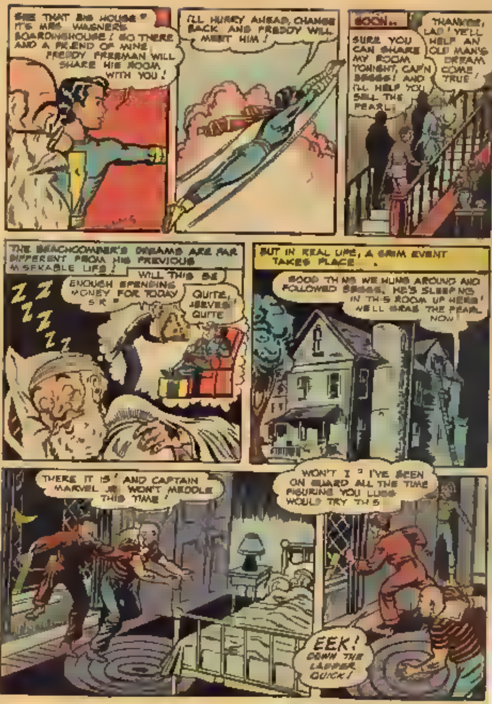
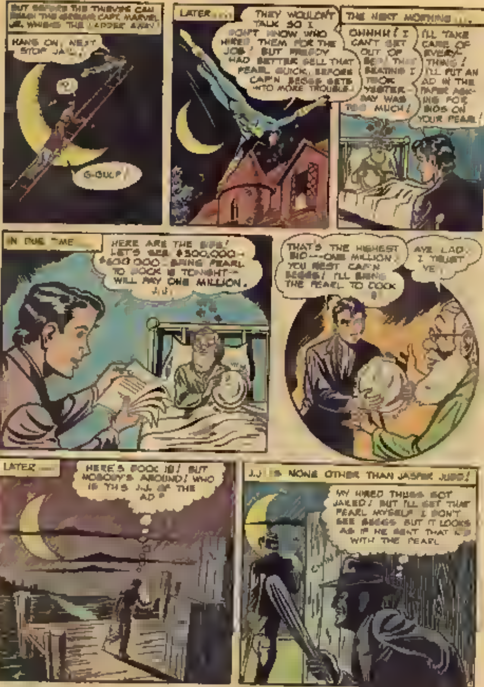
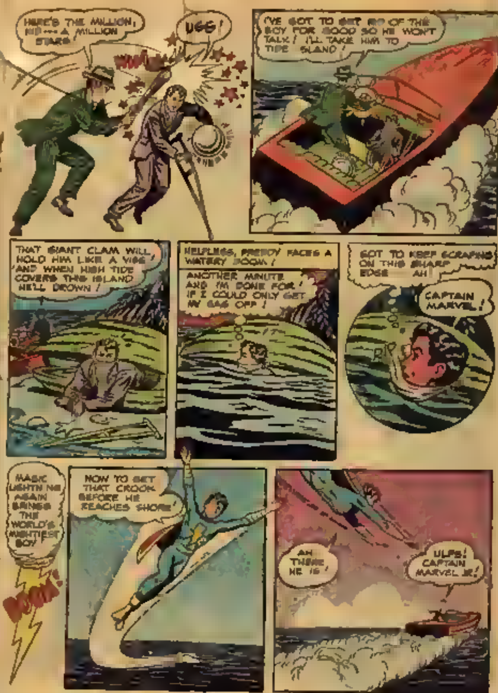
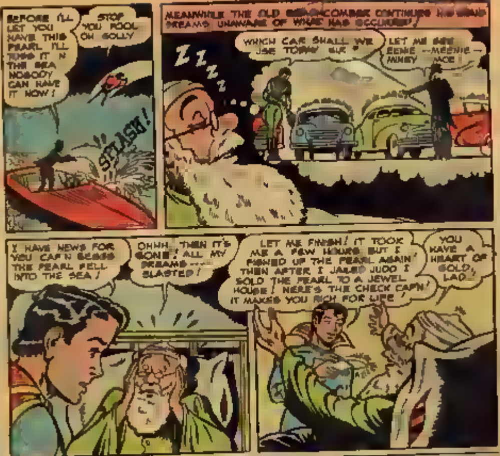

BOXCAR BENNY
"BOOT HIM"
GOSH, THE PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN ARE TOUGH! THEY EXPECT A GUY TO WORK FOR HIS MONEY!
AH! HERE'S A GUY COMING NOW! MAYBE I CAN MOOCH A HANDOUT FROM HIM! BUT IF HE TELLS ME TO GO TO WORK I'VE GOT A GOOD ANSWER FOR HIM!
PARDON, SIR, COULD YOU SPARE A DIME FOR A POOR BUM?
YOU LOOK HEALTHY! IF YOU WANT MONEY WHY DON'T YOU GO TO WORK?
LISTEN, MAC, DO YOU SEE THESE SLIPPERS? WELL, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR WORK SO LONG —
—WHEN I STARTED OUT THE SLIPPERS WERE HIP BOOTS!


LAZY LEE
"UNMOVED"
HUH? I DON'T SEE LAZY LEE SITTING ON HIS ROCKING CHAIR AS USUAL!
GOSH, YOU DON'T THINK HE'S FINALLY GONE TO WORK?
NO, HE'S TOO LAZY FOR THAT! HE'S PROBABLY SLEEPING INSIDE!
LET'S TAKE A LOOK!
HUH? LOOK, LAZY LEE'S SLEEPING ON THE STOVE!
THAT PROVES HOW LAZY HE IS!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHAT'S HIS SLEEPING ON THE STOVE GOT TO DO WITH HIS BEING LAZY?
EVERYTHING!
THIS WAY HE DOESN'T HAVE TO MOVE TO HAVE HIS BREAKFAST IN BED!!


SEE THAT BIG HOUSE? IT'S MRS. WAGNER'S BOARDINGHOUSE! GO THERE AND A FRIEND OF MINE FREDDY FREEMAN WILL SHARE HIS ROOM WITH YOU!
I'LL HURRY AHEAD, CHANGE BACK AND FREDDY WILL MEET HIM!
SOON..
SURE YOU CAN SHARE MY ROOM TONIGHT, CAP'N BEGGS! AND I'LL HELP YOU SELL THE PEARL!
THANKEE, LAD! YE'LL HELP AN OLD MAN'S DREAM COME TRUE!
THE BEACHCOMBER'S DREAMS ARE FAR DIFFERENT FROM HIS PREVIOUS MISERABLE LIFE!
Z Z Z Z Z Z Z
WILL THIS BE ENOUGH SPENDING MONEY FOR TODAY SIR?
QUITE, JEEVES! QUITE
BUT IN REAL LIFE, A GRIM EVENT TAKES PLACE...
GOOD THING WE HUNG AROUND AND FOLLOWED BEGGS. HE'S SLEEPING IN THIS ROOM UP HERE! WE'LL GRAB THE PEARL NOW!
THERE IT IS! AND CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. WON'T MEDDLE THIS TIME!
WON'T I? I'VE BEEN ON GUARD ALL THE TIME FIGURING YOU LUGS WOULD TRY THIS
EEK! DOWN THE LADDER QUICK!


BUT BEFORE THE THIEVES CAN REACH THE GROUND CAPT. MARVEL JR. WHISKS THE LADDER AWAY!
HANG ON! NEXT STOP JAIL!
?
G-GULP!
LATER...
THEY WOULDN'T TALK SO I DON'T KNOW WHO HIRED THEM FOR THE JOB! BUT FREDDY HAD BETTER SELL THAT PEARL QUICK, BEFORE CAP'N BEGGS GETS INTO MORE TROUBLE!
THE NEXT MORNING...
OHHHH! I CAN'T GET OUT OF BED! THAT BEATING I TOOK YESTERDAY WAS TOO MUCH!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING! I'LL PUT AN AD IN THE PAPER ASKING FOR BIDS ON YOUR PEARL!
IN DUE TIME
HERE ARE THE BIDS! LET'S SEE $300,000—$600,000—BRING PEARL TO DOCK 18 TONIGHT—WILL PAY ONE MILLION. J.J.
THAT'S THE HIGHEST BID—ONE MILLION. YOU REST CAP'N BEGGS! I'LL BRING THE PEARL TO DOCK 18
AYE LAD, I TRUST YE!
LATER...
HERE'S DOCK 18! BUT NOBODY'S AROUND! WHO IS THIS J.J. OF THE AD?
J.J. IS NONE OTHER THAN JASPER JUDD!
MY HIRED THUGS GOT JAILED! BUT I'LL GET THAT PEARL MYSELF! I DON'T SEE BEGGS BUT IT LOOKS AS IF HE SENT THAT KID WITH THE PEARL


HERE'S THE MILLION, KID --- A MILLION STARS!
WHAM
UGG!
I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THE BOY FOR GOOD SO HE WON'T TALK! I'LL TAKE HIM TO TIDE ISLAND!
THAT GIANT CLAM WILL HOLD HIM LIKE A VISE! AND WHEN HIGH TIDE COVERS THIS ISLAND HE'LL DROWN!
HELPLESS, FREDDY FACES A WATERY DOOM!
ANOTHER MINUTE AND I'M DONE FOR! IF I COULD ONLY GET MY GAG OFF!
GOT TO KEEP SCRAPING ON THIS SHARP EDGE --- AH!
RIP
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
MAGIC LIGHTNING AGAIN BRINGS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY
BOOM!
NOW TO GET THAT CROOK BEFORE HE REACHES SHORE!
AH THERE HE IS!
ULPS! CAPTAIN MARVEL JR!


BEFORE I'LL LET YOU HAVE THIS PEARL I'LL TOSS IT IN THE SEA NOBODY CAN HAVE IT NOW!
STOP YOU FOOL OH GOLLY
SPLASH!
MEANWHILE THE OLD BEACHCOMBER CONTINUES HIS MAD DREAMS UNAWARE OF WHAT HAS OCCURRED!
ZZZZ
WHICH CAR SHALL WE USE TODAY SIR?
LET ME SEE EENIE --MEENIE-- MINEY --MOE!
I HAVE NEWS FOR YOU CAP'N BESSS THE PEARL FELL INTO THE SEA!
OHHH, THEN IT'S GONE! ALL MY DREAMS --- BLASTED!
LET ME FINISH! IT TOOK ME A FEW HOURS BUT I FISHED UP THE PEARL AGAIN! THEN AFTER I JAILED JUDO I SOLD THE PEARL TO A JEWEL HOUSE! HERE'S THE CHECK CAP'N! IT MAKES YOU RICH FOR LIFE!
YOU HAVE A HEART OF GOLD, LAD!

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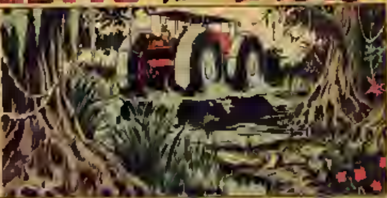
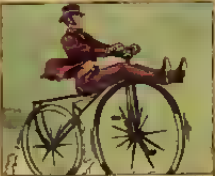
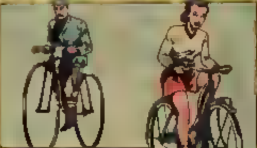


PERHAPS THE NEWEST AND CERTAINLY THE STRANGEST--TIRES EVER MADE ARE THE GIANT BALLOONS ON THE "SWAMP BUGGY" IN MAN'S SEARCH FOR OIL, THESE AMAZING TIRES MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO PENETRATE REGIONS NEVER BEFORE EXPLORED THROUGH DENSE SWAMPS AND BOGGY LANDS. WIDE RUBBER RIBS MAKE EACH TIRE A PADDLE WHEEL IN TRAVELLING THROUGH WATER!



THOUGH IT WOULD HARDLY DO IN MODERN TRAFFIC THE "SPOON BRAKE" OF 1868 WAS GREAT GRANDFATHER'S PRIDE AND JOY. A FEW FAST SPINS OF THE REVOLVING HANDLE-BAR TIGHTENED THE CABLE LEADING TO THE BRAKE, PRESSED THE BRAKE AGAINST THE REAR WHEEL.



BEFORE THE "SAFETY" BICYCLE OF 1886, CYCLING WAS FOR DARE DEVILS ONLY. WITH TODAY'S IMPROVED STREAMLINERS--HIGHLY-REFINED VERSIONS OF THE FIRST "SAFETY"--BICYCLING HAS BECOME A FAVORITE PASTIME OF MILLIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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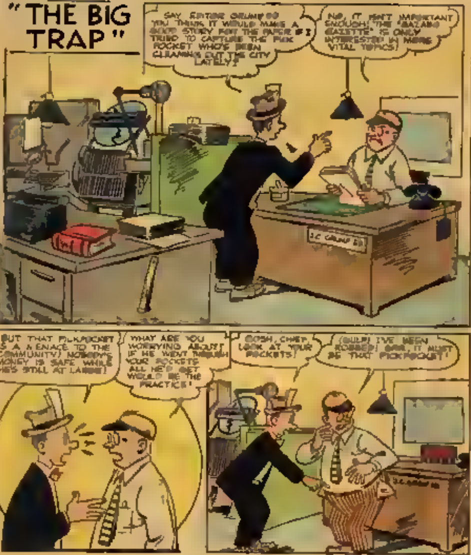
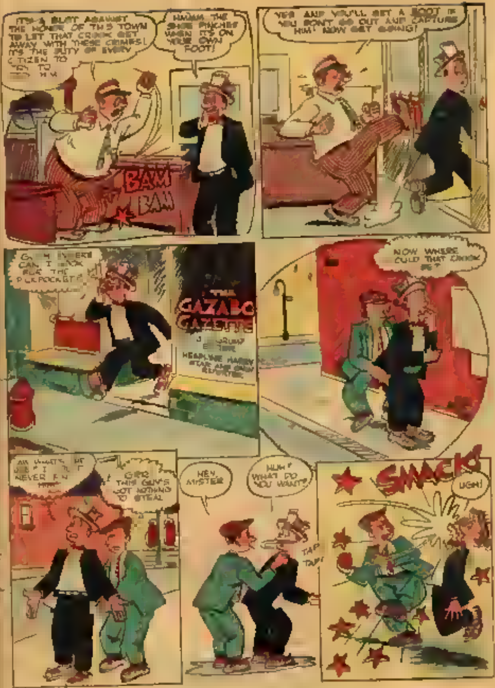
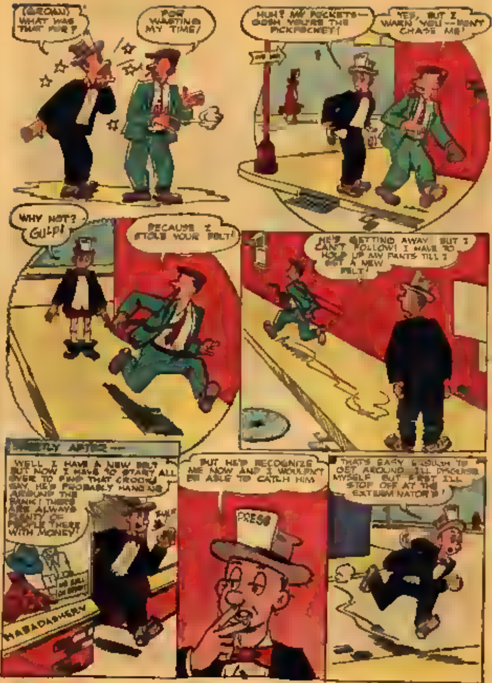
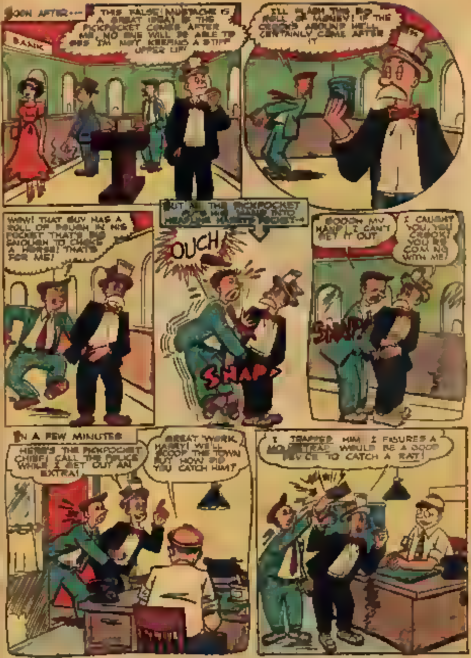

SAY, EDITOR GRUMP, DO YOU THINK IT WOULD MAKE A GOOD STORY FOR THE PAPER IF I TRIED TO CAPTURE THE PICKPOCKET WHO'S BEEN CLEANING OUT THE CITY LATELY?
NO, IT ISN'T IMPORTANT ENOUGH! THE "GAZABO GAZETTE" IS ONLY INTERESTED IN MORE VITAL TOPICS!
J.C. GRUMP ED.
BUT THAT PICKPOCKET IS A MENACE TO THE COMMUNITY! NOBODY'S MONEY IS SAFE WHILE HE'S STILL AT LARGE!
WHAT ARE YOU WORRYING ABOUT? IF HE WENT THROUGH YOUR POCKETS ALL HE'D GET WOULD BE THE PRACTICE!
GOSH, CHIEF, LOOK AT YOUR POCKETS!
(GULP) I'VE BEEN ROBBED! GRR, IT MUST BE THAT PICKPOCKET!
J.C. GRUMP ED.


IT'S A BLOT AGAINST THE HONOR OF THIS TOWN TO LET THAT CROOK GET AWAY WITH THESE CRIMES! IT'S THE DUTY OF EVERY CITIZEN TO TRY TO [illegible] HIM
HMMM, THE SHOE PINCHES WHEN IT'S ON YOUR OWN FOOT!
BAM
BAM
YES AND YOU'LL GET A BOOT IF YOU DON'T GO OUT AND CAPTURE HIM! NOW GET GOING!
GOSH, WHERE CAN I LOOK FOR THE PICKPOCKET?
THE GAZABO GAZETTE
J. GRUMP EDITOR
HEADLINE HARRY STAR AND ONLY REPORTER
NOW WHERE COULD THAT CROOK BE?
AW WHAT'S HE [illegible] NEVER [illegible]
GEE, THIS GUY'S GOT NOTHING TO STEAL
HEY, MISTER
HUH? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
TAP
TAP
SMACK!
UGH!


(GROAN) WHAT WAS THAT FOR?
FOR WASTING MY TIME!
HUH? MY POCKETS— GOSH YOU'RE THE PICKPOCKET!
YES, BUT I WARN YOU--DON'T CHASE ME!
WHY NOT? GULP!
BECAUSE I STOLE YOUR BELT!
HE'S GETTING AWAY BUT I CAN'T FOLLOW! I HAVE TO HOLD UP MY PANTS TILL I GET A NEW BELT!
SHORTLY AFTER --
WELL I HAVE A NEW BELT BUT NOW I HAVE TO START ALL OVER TO FIND THAT CROOK! SAY, HE'S PROBABLY HANGING AROUND THE BANK! THERE ARE ALWAYS PLENTY OF PEOPLE THERE WITH MONEY!
HABADASHERY
BUT HE'D RECOGNIZE ME NOW AND I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM
PRESS
THAT'S EASY ENOUGH TO GET AROUND. I'LL DISGUISE MYSELF. BUT FIRST I'LL STOP OFF AT THE EXTERMINATOR'S!


SOON AFTER---
THIS FALSE MUSTACHE IS A GREAT IDEA! IF THE PICKPOCKET COMES AFTER ME, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE I'M NOT KEEPING A STIFF UPPER LIP!
BANK
I'LL FLASH THIS BIG ROLL OF MONEY! IF THE CROOK'S AROUND HE'LL CERTAINLY COME AFTER IT
BUT AS THE PICKPOCKET SLIPS HIS HAND INTO HEADLINE HARRY'S POCKET--
WOW! THAT GUY HAS A ROLL OF DOUGH IN HIS POCKET THAT'S BIG ENOUGH TO CHOKE A HORSE! THAT'S FOR ME!
OUCH!
SNAP!
OOOOH MY HAND! I CAN'T GET IT OUT
I CAUGHT YOU, YOU CROOK! YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!
SNAP!
IN A FEW MINUTES
HERE'S THE PICKPOCKET CHIEF! CALL THE POLICE WHILE I GET OUT AN EXTRA!
GREAT WORK, HARRY! WE'LL SCOOP THE TOWN! BUT HOW DID YOU CATCH HIM?
I TRAPPED HIM. I FIGURES A MOUSETRAP WOULD BE A GOOD DEVICE TO CATCH A RAT!

The MARVEL FAMILY PUZZLE PAGE

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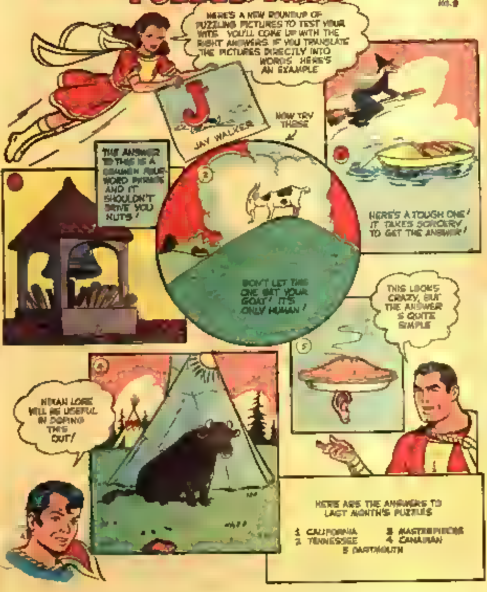
HERE'S A NEW ROUNDUP OF PUZZLING PICTURES TO TEST YOUR WITS. YOU'LL COME UP WITH THE RIGHT ANSWERS IF YOU TRANSLATE THE PICTURES DIRECTLY INTO WORDS. HERE'S AN EXAMPLE
J
JAY WALKER
NOW TRY THESE
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HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES

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NOVICE BURGLAR

By R. R. Symes

JACK SPANGLER was as nervous as he'd ever been in his life. His hand shook slightly as he lit a cigarette. So slightly that only Jack himself could feel the tremor. His control over his nerves had got him a reputation as "Cool Jack," first as a pitcher for his high school baseball team and later on the battlefronts of Europe where he was decorated for bravery under fire.

But now 24 years old and a civilian, he was about to enter on the most dangerous and difficult mission of his career—his first burglary!

Little Ears, leader of the gang and regarded as the most expert safe-cracker in the city, had been impressed with Cool Jack's war record and reputation. He had decided that a fellow like this, with nerves of steel, would make an ideal first assistant and had carefully briefed the young man in the intricacies of successful burglary.

Their first meeting had been casual in the Elite Pool Room. Jack had been lounging against the wall for a couple of hours, his "ruptured duck" prominently displayed on the lapel of his frayed jacket.

Little Ears asked "How come you don't play none, Bud?"

"Can't afford it," replied Jack.

"Tough times," said Little Ears. "You down an' out?"

"Yep. Can't get a job," said Jack through nearly-closed lips so his dangling cigarette wouldn't fall.

"I see you fought in the war. What did it getcha?" Little Ears was almost sneering. "Ha! You ain't even got the price of a game of snooker."

Young Jack agreed that he was very disillusioned and that he was certainly going to make somebody pay for it. Jack said he knew where his landlady kept the rent money she collected from her boarders on Saturday night. Jack figured he'd be able to afford a game of snooker by Sunday. Plenty of games.

THIS had all happened several weeks ago and now Little Ears had let Jack in on a "good thing." They were just waiting for the watchman to ring in on his three a.m. round. Then they'd be ready. Cutting through the wall from the stairway hall into the office of the Wonder Loan Company would be easy as pie, Little Ears had said. The safe, however, would be tougher. They'd have to blow it.

"Come on," said Little Ears. "The watchman's gone around. We'll work fast. You know what you're supposed to do, Jack?"

"Yep," said Jack, snuffing out his cigarette, controlling his hands so they wouldn't knock.

AT the call box, O'Flaherty, the officer on the beat, got his message. It said that headquarters had a tip the Wonder Loan Company would be burglarized. The lieutenant said, "We're sending a squad out right away. But you get up there and hold them till we come. No shooting. We want those crooks alive."

O'Flaherty got the drop on the lookout in the hallway by the stairs, had floored him with a light tap, catching him before he fell so he wouldn't make any noise. Then he tiptoed up to the gaping hole in the wall and beamed his flashlight on the three men gathered around the safe.

"It's the law, boys. Up with your mitts," he said.

Two men raised their hands, but Little Ears plunged out of the flashlight beam into the darkness and fired as he fell, aiming at the cop in the opening. He missed by inches, but was taking better aim when Jack Spangler tripped over the burglar's tool kit and fell against his arm, knocking his gun clattering to the floor.

With this break, O'Flaherty quickly disaround the threesome and made them lie face down on the floor while he trained gun and light on them. His help arrived in a matter of minutes, headed by Detective Chief Smeed.

Smeed personally put the cuffs on the leader saying, "Ah, Little Ears, we meet again. Don't you ever learn that crime doesn't pay?"

Little Ears remained sullenly silent.

O'Flaherty was looking at Jack Spangler, shaking his head. "A mere boy," he exclaimed. "All of life before him. Looks like a clean-cut lad, too, though. If I've said it once I've said it a hundred times, appearances are deceiving. It's prison for him. No freedom. No liberty. It must be the devil that gets into a young lad and leads him to a life of crime."

Spangler sneered. "Dry up, grandpa. I don't want no sermon."

Having cuffed the other two, Detective Chief Smeed approached Jack. He smacked him sharply in the face and declared, "We'll teach you some respect for the law, you young thug!"

He started adjusting the handcuffs. But acting so swiftly that none of the spectators could describe accurately what happened, Jack Spangler dashed the handcuffs to the floor, hurled Smeed against O'Flaherty and dived through the opening in the wall. Still off balance, Smeed fired a half-dozen shots after the fleeing man, but his efforts were in vain.

Police stationed outside took up the chase, but without luck. Spangler seemed to have disappeared into thin air.

O'Flaherty looked at Smeed and said, "Chief! How in the world . . . ?"

"He caught me napping," replied Smeed, shaking his head. "An old judo trick. Should have known. That crook was in the army, wasn't he, Little Ears?"

"You'll get no information from me, copper," snarled Little Ears.

The prisoners were loaded into one of the detective cars. Detective Chief Smeed placed his hand on O'Flaherty's shoulders as they reached the street and said, "Good job, O'Flaherty. You'd have had them all but for me. You might as well ride in with me to headquarters and make your report. Smith'll take over your beat."

Smeed got behind the wheel and O'Flaherty sat beside him. As the car started, the uniformed patrolman said, "Well now I've seen everything. I'll bet that's the first time in history that a thief got away from you, Chief. I said the devil must be in him and I think it's true by the way he made his escape. Disappearing into thin air, so to speak. But I tell you, I'm grateful for one thing. After he called me grandpa, you sure slapped him good and hard!"

"Yes, too hard! Must you be so realistic?" asked a familiar voice from the back seat.

"Heavenly Days!" exclaimed O'Flaherty.

Chief Smeed quickly put a restraining hand on the patrolman's gun arm. "It's O.K., O'Flaherty," he said. "I want you to meet one of my very best rookie detectives, Cool Jack Spangler."

"Hello, Officer O'Flaherty," said Spangler from the back seat. "I apologize for calling you grandpa. All in the line of duty."

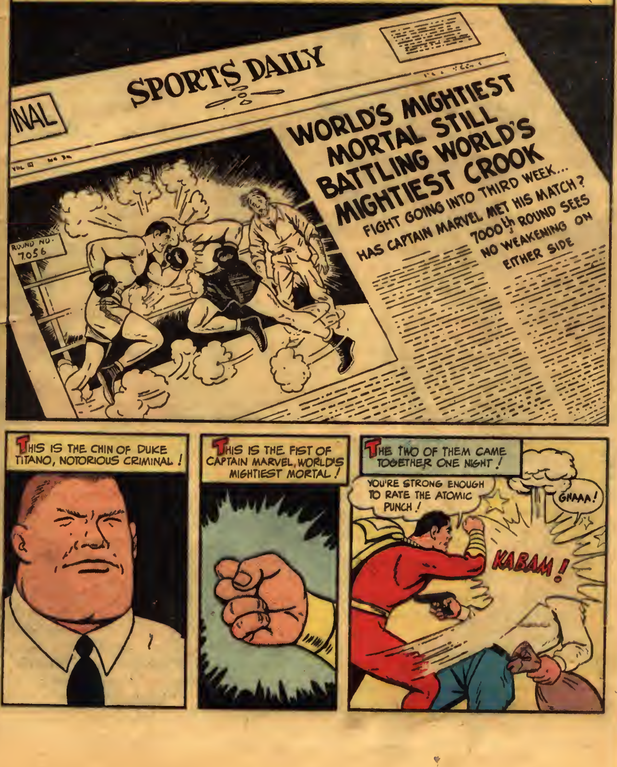
"Will wonders never cease!" exclaimed O'Flaherty. "You're one of us! That explains something. You didn't really trip when you knocked Little Ear's gun from his hand. You were protecting me, weren't you?"

"Well, I wasn't going to let him mow you down when I knew you had orders not to shoot," responded Cool Jack.

"LET me shake your hand," said O'Flaherty, reaching back. "You must be the one that gave the tip on the burglary and rounded up Little Ears single-handed. My boy, I'm sure you'll go far. And as for callin' me 'grandpa,' you may call me anything you like. I'd rather be a live grandpa than a dead corpse."

THE END

Captain MARVEL FIGHTS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST CROOK!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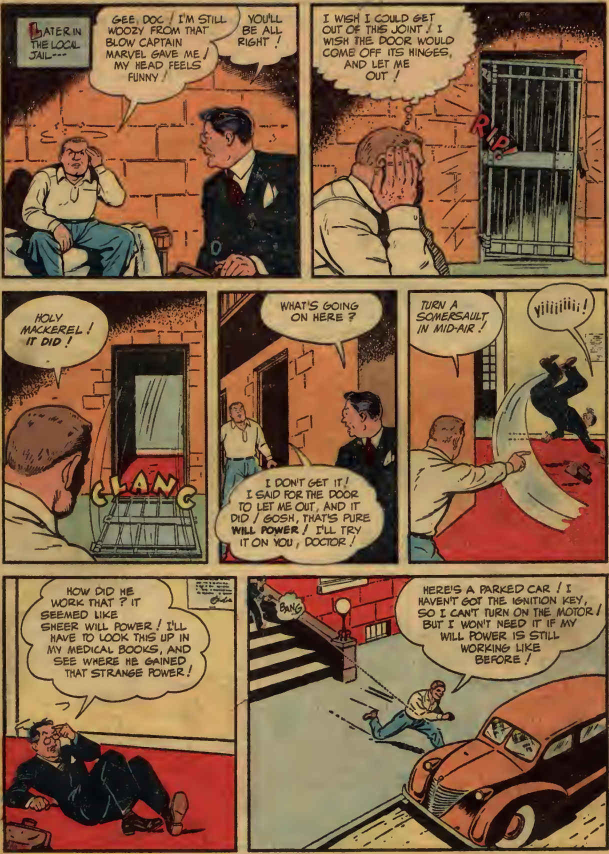
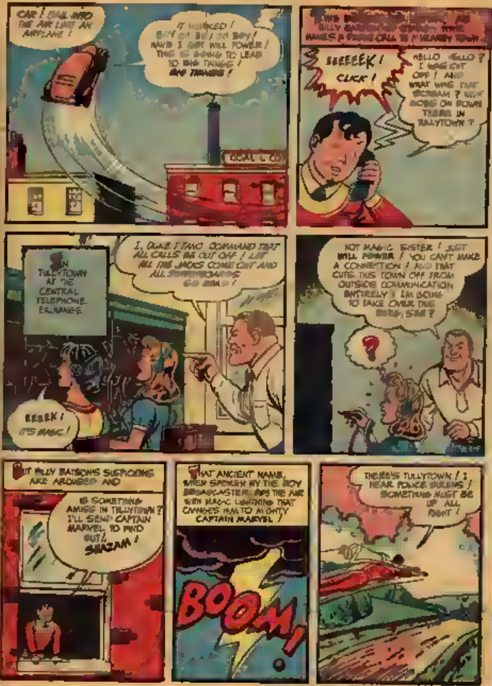
WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL STILL BATTLING WORLD'S MIGHTIEST CROOK
FIGHT GOING INTO THIRD WEEK...
HAS CAPTAIN MARVEL MET HIS MATCH?
7000th ROUND SEES NO WEAKENING ON EITHER SIDE
ROUND NO. 7,056
THIS IS THE CHIN OF DUKE TITANO, NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL!
THIS IS THE FIST OF CAPTAIN MARVEL, WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!
THE TWO OF THEM CAME TOGETHER ONE NIGHT!
YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO RATE THE ATOMIC PUNCH!
GNAAA!
KABAM!


LATER IN THE LOCAL JAIL---
GEE, DOC! I'M STILL WOOZY FROM THAT BLOW CAPTAIN MARVEL GAVE ME! MY HEAD FEELS FUNNY!
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
I WISH I COULD GET OUT OF THIS JOINT! I WISH THE DOOR WOULD COME OFF ITS HINGES, AND LET ME OUT!
RIP!
HOLY MACKEREL! IT DID!
CLANG
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
I DON'T GET IT! I SAID FOR THE DOOR TO LET ME OUT, AND IT DID! GOSH, THAT'S PURE WILL POWER! I'LL TRY IT ON YOU, DOCTOR!
TURN A SOMERSAULT IN MID-AIR!
yiiiiiiii!
HOW DID HE WORK THAT? IT SEEMED LIKE SHEER WILL POWER! I'LL HAVE TO LOOK THIS UP IN MY MEDICAL BOOKS, AND SEE WHERE HE GAINED THAT STRANGE POWER!
BANG
HERE'S A PARKED CAR! I HAVEN'T GOT THE IGNITION KEY, SO I CAN'T TURN ON THE MOTOR! BUT I WON'T NEED IT IF MY WILL POWER IS STILL WORKING LIKE BEFORE!


CAR! SAIL INTO THE AIR LIKE AN AIRPLANE!
IT WORKED! BOY OH BOY OH BOY! HAVE I GOT WILL POWER! THIS IS GOING TO LEAD TO BIG THINGS! BIG THINGS!
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THE [illegible] AS BILLY BATSON AT STATION WHIZ MAKES A PHONE CALL TO A NEARBY TOWN
EEEEEEK! CLICK!
HELLO HELLO? I WAS CUT OFF! AND WHAT WAS THAT SCREAM? WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE IN TULLYTOWN?
IN TULLYTOWN AT THE CENTRAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE
I, DUKE ITANO COMMAND THAT ALL CALLS BE CUT OFF! LET ALL THE JACKS COME OUT AND ALL SWITCHBOARDS GO DEAD!
EEEEK! IT'S MAGIC!
NOT MAGIC, SISTER! JUST WILL POWER! YOU CAN'T MAKE A CONNECTION! AND THAT CUTS THIS TOWN OFF FROM OUTSIDE COMMUNICATION ENTIRELY! I'M GOING TO TAKE OVER THE BURG, SEE?
BUT BILLY BATSON'S SUSPICIONS ARE AROUSED AND
IS SOMETHING AMISS IN TULLYTOWN? I'LL SEND CAPTAIN MARVEL TO FIND OUT! SHAZAM!
THAT ANCIENT NAME, WHEN SPOKEN BY THE BOY BROADCASTER, RIPS THE AIR WITH MAGIC LIGHTNING THAT CHANGES HIM TO MIGHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL!
BOOM!
THERE'S TULLYTOWN! I HEAR POLICE SIRENS! SOMETHING MUST BE UP ALL RIGHT!
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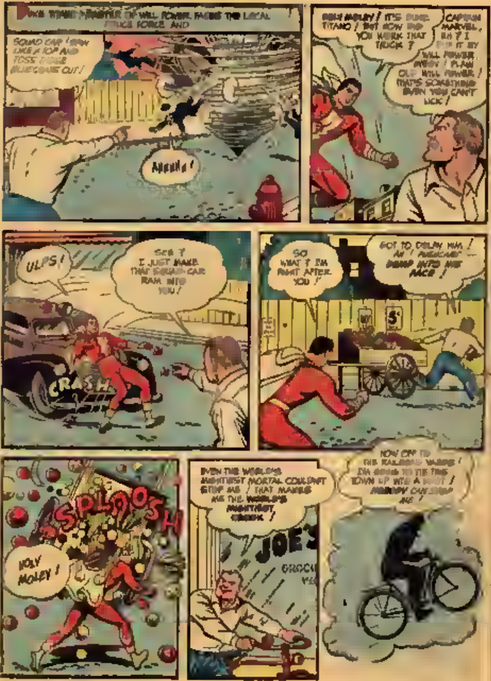
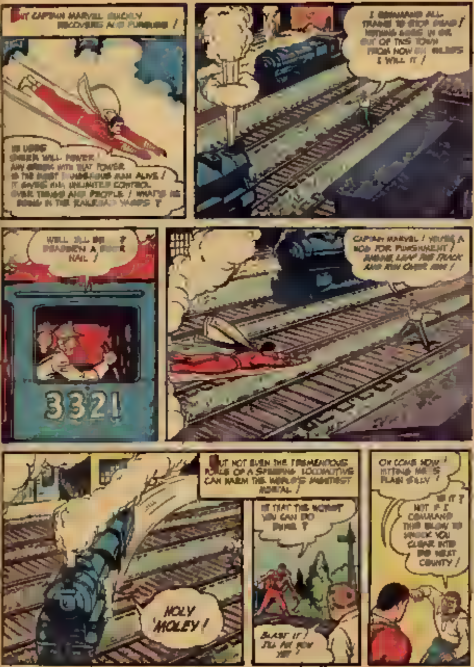

MIKE TITANO, MASTER OF WILL POWER, FACES THE LOCAL POLICE FORCE AND
SQUAD CAR ! SPIN LIKE A TOP AND TOSS THOSE BLUECOATS OUT !
AIEEE !
HOLY MOLEY ! IT'S PURE TITANO ! BUT HOW DID YOU WORK THAT TRICK ?
CAPTAIN MARVEL, EH ? I DID IT BY WILL POWER, SONNY ! PLAIN OLD WILL POWER ! THAT'S SOMETHING EVEN YOU CAN'T LICK !
ULPS !
SEE ? I JUST MAKE THAT SQUAD-CAR RAM INTO YOU !
CRASH
SO WHAT ? I'M RIGHT AFTER YOU !
GOT TO DELAY HIM ! AH ! PUSHCART — BUMP INTO HIS FACE !
5¢
SPLOOSH
HOLY MOLEY !
EVEN THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL COULDN'T STOP ME ! THAT MAKES ME THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST CROOK !
JOE'S
GROC
VE
NOW OFF TO THE RAILROAD YARDS ! I'M GOING TO TIE THIS TOWN UP INTO A KNOT ! NOBODY CAN STOP ME !


BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL QUICKLY RECOVERS AND PURSUES!
BY USING SHEER WILL POWER! ANY PERSON WITH THAT POWER IS THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN ALIVE! IT GIVES HIM UNLIMITED CONTROL OVER THINGS AND PEOPLE! WHAT'S HE DOING IN THE RAILROAD YARDS?
I COMMAND ALL TRAINS TO STOP DEAD! NOTHING GOES IN OR OUT OF THIS TOWN FROM NOW ON UNLESS I WILL IT!
WELL I'LL BE ...? DEADER'N A DOOR NAIL!
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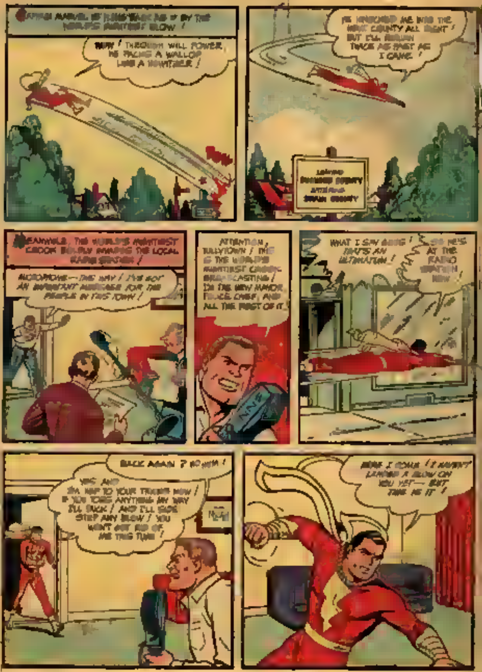
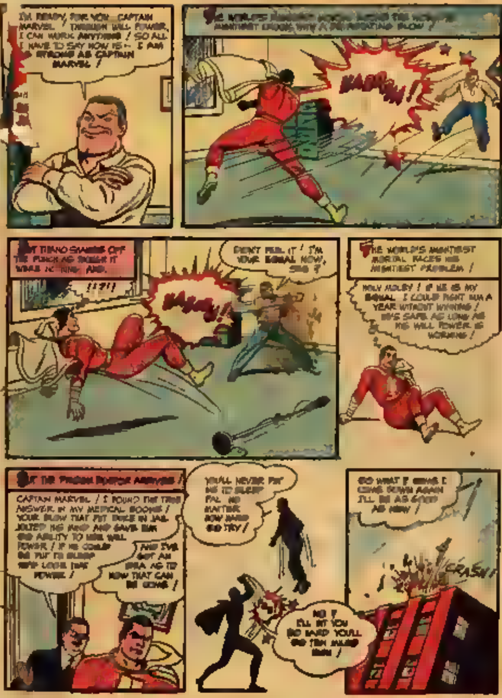
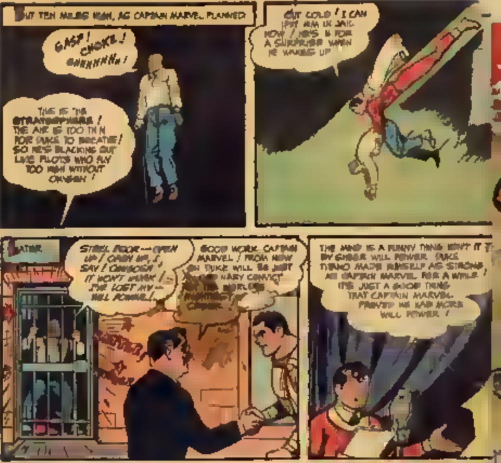
CAPTAIN MARVEL! YOU'RE A HOG FOR PUNISHMENT! ENGINE, LEAP THE TRACK AND RUN OVER HIM!
HOLY MOLEY!
BUT NOT EVEN THE TREMENDOUS FORCE OF A SPEEDING LOCOMOTIVE CAN HARM THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!
IS THAT THE WORST YOU CAN DO, BUNK?
BLAST IT! I'LL GET YOU YET!
OH COME NOW! HITTING ME IS PLAIN SILLY!
IS IT? NOT IF I COMMAND THIS BLOW TO KNOCK YOU CLEAR INTO THE NEXT COUNTY!


CAPTAIN MARVEL IS FLUNG BACK AS IF BY THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BLOW !
WOW ! THROUGH WILL POWER, HE PACKS A WALLOP LIKE A HOWITZER !
HE KNOCKED ME INTO THE NEXT COUNTY ALL RIGHT ! BUT I'LL RETURN TWICE AS FAST AS I CAME !
MEANWHILE, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST CROOK BOLDLY INVADES THE LOCAL RADIO STATION !
MICROPHONE -- THIS WAY ! I'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR THE PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN !
ATTENTION, TULLYTOWN ! THIS IS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST CROOK BROADCASTING ! I'M THE NEW MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF, AND ALL THE REST OF IT !
WHAT I SAY GOES ! THAT'S AN ULTIMATUM !
SO HE'S AT THE RADIO STATION NOW !
BACK AGAIN ? HO HUM !
YES AND I'M WISE TO YOUR TRICKS NOW ! IF YOU TOSS ANYTHING MY WAY I'LL DUCK ! AND I'LL SIDE STEP ANY BLOW ! YOU WON'T GET RID OF ME THIS TIME !
HERE I COME ! I HAVEN'T LANDED A BLOW ON YOU YET -- BUT THIS IS IT !


I'M READY FOR YOU, CAPTAIN MARVEL! THROUGH WILL POWER, I CAN WORK ANYTHING! SO ALL I HAVE TO SAY NOW IS -- I AM AS STRONG AS CAPTAIN MARVEL!
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL [illegible] THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST CROOK WITH A DEVASTATING BLOW!
KAPOW!
BUT TITANO SHAKES OFF THE PUNCH AS THOUGH IT WERE NOTHING AND...
!!?!!
WHAM!!
DIDN'T FEEL IT! I'M YOUR EQUAL NOW, SEE?
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL FACES HIS MIGHTIEST PROBLEM!
HOLY MOLEY! IF HE IS MY EQUAL, I COULD FIGHT HIM A YEAR WITHOUT WINNING! HE'S SAFE AS LONG AS HIS WILL POWER IS WORKING!
BUT THE PRISON DOCTOR ARRIVES!
CAPTAIN MARVEL! I FOUND THE TRUE ANSWER IN MY MEDICAL BOOKS! YOUR BLOW THAT PUT DUKE IN JAIL JOLTED HIS MIND AND GAVE HIM HIS ABILITY TO USE WILL POWER! IF HE COULD BE PUT TO SLEEP HE'D LOSE THE POWER!
AND I'VE GOT AN IDEA AS TO HOW THAT CAN BE DONE!
YOU'LL NEVER PUT ME TO SLEEP, PAL, NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY!
NO? I'LL HIT YOU SO HARD YOU'LL GO TEN MILES HIGH!
SO WHAT? EVEN IF I COME DOWN AGAIN I'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW!
CRASH!


BUT TEN MILES HIGH, AS CAPTAIN MARVEL PLANNED!
GASP! CHOKE! GHHHHHH!
THIS IS THE STRATOSPHERE! THE AIR IS TOO THIN FOR DUKE TO BREATHE! SO HE'S BLACKING OUT LIKE PILOTS WHO FLY TOO HIGH WITHOUT OXYGEN!
OUT COLD! I CAN PUT HIM IN JAIL NOW! HE'S IN FOR A SURPRISE WHEN HE WAKES UP!
LATER
STEEL DOOR—OPEN UP! OPEN UP, I SAY! OHHHH! IT WON'T WORK! I'VE LOST MY—WILL POWER!
GOOD WORK, CAPTAIN MARVEL! FROM NOW ON DUKE WILL BE JUST AN ORDINARY CONVICT, NOT THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST CRIMINAL!
THE MIND IS A FUNNY THING, ISN'T IT? BY SHEER WILL POWER, DUKE TITANO MADE HIMSELF AS STRONG AS CAPTAIN MARVEL FOR A WHILE! IT'S JUST A GOOD THING THAT CAPTAIN MARVEL PROVED HE HAD MORE WILL POWER!

THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL HEADS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST CLUB!
JOIN NOW!
SEND THE COUPON IN TODAY!

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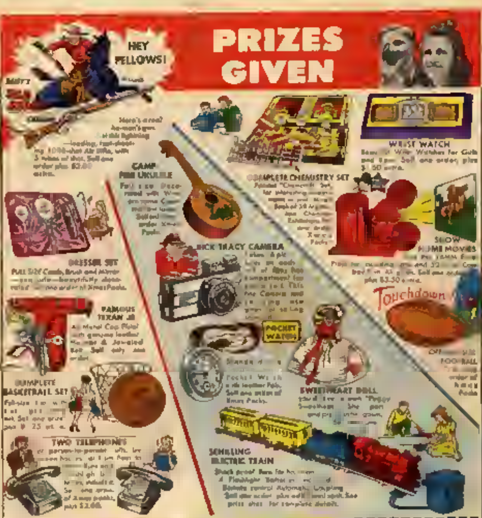

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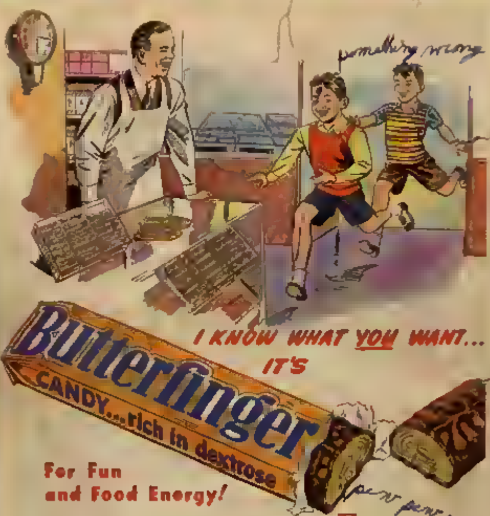
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